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Grants for medical institutions run by private bodies.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are medical institutions run by private bodies which are in receipt of maintenance grants;

(*b*) whether these grants are made on some accepted basis and if so, what the principles governing these grants are;

(*c*) whether the Government have received complaints of disparity in the grants given;

(*d*) whether the Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee examined this question and suggested a uniform system of grants and if so, what the system suggested by the Committee is; and

(*e*) whether the Government have taken any action on the recommendation of the Committee?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Except in the case of the private leprosy asylums, which are in receipt of grants on a *per capita* basis, grants to other private medical institutions including the three T.B. Sanatoria at Perundurai, Madanapalle and Visranthipuram are to be paid on the net deficit basis subject to a maximum fixed by Government from time to time as recently decided by Government. Grants paid to certain institutions are in the nature of discretionary grants, which have however been fixed with due regard to the resources of the institutions concerned.

" (*c*) No complaints have so far been received except in regard to the T.B. Sanatorium at Perundurai.

" (*d*) Yes. In respect of the three T.B. Sanatoria and certain other institutions, the Committee suggested that the grants might be given on the basis of free beds available in those institutions on an equitable basis. In respect of the others, the Committee recommended that the existing procedure for payment of grants might be allowed to continue.

" (*e*) The Government have not accepted in toto the recommendation of the Committee in respect of the T.B. Sanatoria. They have ordered that in the three private Sanatoria, the grant should be paid on the net deficit basis subject to a maximum amount fixed for each. In respect of the other institutions, the matter is still under consideration."

Prevention and treatment of pre-natal syphilis in certain hospitals.

* 24 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what facilities are being afforded for the prevention and treatment of pre-natal syphilis in women and children hospitals and in maternity and child welfare institutions; and

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(*b*) whether routine blood tests of pregnant women, attending these institutions, are being done and if so, whether penicillin is being made available for such women to prevent the transmission of infection to the unborn offspring?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) So far as women and children hospitals are concerned, where there is a venereal clinic attached to the hospital or to a neighbouring institution, all suspected cases of pre-natal syphilis are treated in the clinic. In other cases such treatment for which adequate facilities exist, are given in the hospital itself. In Maternity and Child Welfare Institutions pre-natal examination of expectant mothers is carried out by Women Medical Officers and if such examination discloses a syphilitic history or obvious signs of syphilis, they are referred to the nearest hospitals for necessary treatment.

" (*b*) The answer to the second part is in the affirmative. Blood tests are made generally in all suspected cases, after examination of the patients."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Are the Government aware that women who are suffering from syphilis take the treatment before confinement, but they do not come for treatment after confinement and there is no follow-up of the cases? Do the Government contemplate the appointment of health visitors to do this follow-up work, which the honorary workers are now doing in a small way? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The patients should first of all come for treatment and get themselves registered and recorded to enable the Government to follow-up the cases wherever they may go. The question of ante-natal and pre-natal treatment of this disease is certainly beset with a lot of difficulties on account of the ignorance of the people and also their unwillingness to undergo a prolonged course of treatment which will continue for months at a time."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether an actuary has been appointed by the Government to go into the matter, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir, for the last four or five months he is going into the matter."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know when the Government expect to come to a final decision in the matter, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I have asked the department to ask the actuary to submit his report before the end of the year so that we may bring the scheme into force at least from the 1st of April next year."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know whether the actuary is being paid anything, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The actuary is being paid."

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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Will the Government see that he expedites the matter, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" He is not paid on a monthly basis. He is paid a consolidated amount for the work. There is no use of asking him to expedite the report or forcing him to submit the report early, because he has to go into a number of files and see how many years' service a man puts in before retirement and so on, so that he may advise the Government correctly."

Compulsory insurance and provident fund-cum-pension system.

* 25 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have considered and passed final orders on the recommendation of the Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee on the question of compulsory insurance and provident fund-*cum*-pension system and if so, what their decisions are?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The Government have not passed any final orders in the matter. The question is under the consideration of the Government."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, when these recommendations were made? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Some time last year, Sir. We have appointed an actuary who is going into the question and examining a number of files in the Accountant-General's office before submitting his report."

Status and emoluments of headmasters of training schools and high schools.

* 26 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any difference between the treatment accorded to the headmasters of training schools and the headmasters of high schools, in regard to status and emoluments;

(*b*) whether, in view of the insistence on teaching as in the case of other teachers, the headmasters of training schools are not free to exercise effective supervision of school work; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received representations in this regard from the managements of training schools, and if so, what the orders of the Government on them are?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The headmasters of training schools are not treated differently in any way from the headmasters of high schools so far as their status is concerned. With regard to the emoluments, the headmasters of secondary training schools are treated on a par with headmasters of high schools and headmasters of higher elementary training schools on a par with headmasters of middle schools.